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The Department of Housing and Community Development ("the Department") is pleased to present the application package for the Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Housing Program.

This exciting new program, funded under the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006 (Proposition 1C) will stimulate higher density uses within close proximity to transit stations while encouraging increased transit ridership and reduction of automobile trips.

To achieve the unique statutory objectives of the TOD Housing Program, the Department created several new application forms, with instructions, along with modifications of existing application formats that support more familiar Department program types such as MHP and BEGIN.

To guide applicants in completing the appropriate documents to use with each particular application type, there is a Table of Contents that provides a description of each document's intended purpose and required applicant. There is also a directory listing of links to access application support resources online.

Since their original release and posting to the Department's website, the December 3, 2007 TOD Housing Program Guidelines have been updated to include the hyperlink to the latest Cal Trans HICOMP report, dated November 2007. As a result of this report's findings, two new eligible Urbanized Areas have been added: Temecula/Murrieta and Simi Valley. Also, the Transit Station List has been updated to reflect several new added stations.

The Department has scheduled four regional application workshops in support of the TOD Housing Program and encourages potential applicants to attend. Staff will also be available to provide technical assistance prior to the March 7, 2008 application deadline.

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